Maintenance of Rocket launchers in the Army

2355. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army has been caught in a bind over the issue of the maintenance of rocket launchers bought from Carl Gustov Co. of Sweden in 1980, which company was later merged with M/s. BOFORS in 1990s;

(b) if so, the nature and extent of the difficulties faced in regard to after sales-services, spares and maintenance of the Carl-Gustov Rocket launchers; and

(c) the steps taken to secure the required services and spares etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) No, Sir. These rocket launchers are presently being produced and maintained indigenously.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Import of ammunition/spares for BOFORS guns

2356. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to a ban on import of ammunition/spares and technology in respect of BOFORS guns imported in 1980's the Army finds itself in a serious bind;

(b) if so, the details of the requirements to fully utilise the Howitzer procured; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government have taken appropriate steps to ensure the continued supply of spares and ammunition for the weapons system. A special Task Group has been set up to indigenously produce the spares.

Complaints against Army personnel

2357. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of a total of 820 complaints filed against Army personnel, deployed on counter insurgency operations in Kashmir and North East, during the period from January, 1990 to June, 1997, as many as 744 allegations were found to be baseless; and

(b) if so, the number and nature of different types of allegations substantiated, and the action taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) and (b) It is a fact that out of a total of 820 complaints filed against army personnel deployed in counter insurgency operations in Jammu & Kashmir during January 1990 to March

1997 and the North East during January 1992 to March 1997 as many as 744 allegations were found baseless.

The number and nature of different types of allegations substantiated and the action taken against those found guilty is as follows:—

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ARMY—JAMMU AND KASHMIR
(JANUARY 1990—MARCH 1997)

Type	Cases	Personnel Punished
Rape	6	17
Molestation	3	7
Custodial Death	4	10
Failure in Command and Control	1	2
Theft	4	8
Miscellaneous	4	8
TOTAL :	22	52

PUNISHMENTS AWARDED TO ARMY PERSONNEL—JAMMU AND KASHMIR
(JANUARY 1990 TO MARCH 1997)

Type	Personnel Punished			Total
	Officers	Junior Commissioned Officers	Other Ranks	
Cashiered with rigorous imprisonment up to 7 years	4	..	..	4
Dismissal with rigorous imprisonment	..	..	8	8
—Upto 3 years				
—Upto 8 years and above	..	..	10	10
Rigorous imprisonment in military custody	..	..	5	5
Summary trial departmental punishments	17	3	5	25
TOTAL:	21	3	28	52

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ARMY—NORTH EAST (JANUARY 1992—MARCH 1997)

Type	Cases	Personnel Punished
Rape	3	8
Molestation	2	4
Failure in Command and Control	1	2
Miscellaneous	3	15
TOTAL :	9	29

PUNISHMENTS AWARDED TO ARMY PERSONNEL IN NORTH EAST (JANUARY 1990 TO MARCH 1997)

Type	Personnel Punished			Total
	Officers	Junior Commissioned Officers	Other Ranks	
Termination of Service	2	..	4	6
Dismissal with rigorous imprisonment upto 6 months	..	..	3	3
Dismissal from service	..	..	3	3
Rigorous imprisonment in military custody	..	1	5	6
Summary Trials/Departmental Punishments	6	1	4	11
TOTAL :	8	2	19	29

Digital flight control computer deal

2358. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Electronics Limited has some working arrangement with Lockhead Martin of US for digital flight control computer for Light Combat Aircraft (LCA);

(b) whether US Government is trying to put hurdles in the said arrangement; and

(c) if so, the reasons why US is trying to do so and how Government are takling the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.